

Jude the Obscure

by Thomas Hardy (1840 - 1928)

Eleven-year-old Jude Fawley – inspired by his teacher Mr. Phillotson, who leaves Marygreen for Christminster to take a university degree – decides to adopt the same course for himself. Raised by his great-aunt, Jude studies hard with the aid of some old Latin and Greek books sent to him by Phillotson. He trains as a stonemason in order to enable him to support himself when at the university. When he



finally arrives in Christminster, however, he soon finds that a university education is not easily come by for one of his social standing. When he meets and falls in love with his cousin Sue Bridehead his future becomes a series of challenges to his moral, religious and social beliefs.

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